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	Ш	Box No. IV	Lack of unit	ty of invention				
	Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement							
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International application No.
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2.	With regard to the <b>elements</b> of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):								
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Box		Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement					
1.	Statement						
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-20	YES			
		Claims		NO			
Inventive step (IS)		Claims	1-20	YES			
		Claims		NO			
	Industrial applicability (IA)		1-20	YES			
		Claims		NO			

- 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)
  - Document 1: JP 2002-109494 A (Dainippon Printing Co., Ltd.), 12 April 2002, paragraphs [0018] to [0058]
  - Document 2: JP 2001-297316 A (Mitsubishi Electric Corporation), 26 October 2001, paragraphs [0028] to [0071]
  - Document 3: JP 2003-36205 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 7 February 2003, paragraphs [0041] to [0043]

The invention set forth in claims 1 to 20 is not disclosed in any of the documents, and would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art. The feature set forth in claims 1, 18 and 19, wherein "the access upper limit is calculated...and operating conditions are set...according to the type of command", is not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the international search report, and would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art.